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SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION UNDER M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VIII

This Petition supplements the Petition to Make Special that was filed on or about April 28, 2000 and, in particular, cites two further references.

A search has been made by the lawfirm of Thelen Reid & Priest LLP and produced the two references discussed below.

A copy of each of the two new references is also enclosed. Also attached is Form PTO/SB/08A (formerly Form PTO-1449).

In the following, there is submitted a detailed discussion of the two new references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

U.S. Patent No. 5,794,207 of Walker et al. generally relates to a method and apparatus enabling a prospective buyer to reach a plurality of prospective sellers and to enable a form contract to be consummated. Briefly the system involves the buyer inputting, via computer, an offer including conditions and a payment price, inputting a payment identifier such as a credit card outputting the offer to a field of prospective sellers, i.e., via the internet, inputting via computer an acceptance of the offer, and providing for payment using the payment identifier. The method uses a central controller who makes the offers available and supervises the system, establishing and policing the ground rules.

U.S. Patent No. 5,845,265 contemplates a method and apparatus for effecting the sale of and speculation in collectable items. The system involves creating a digital picture of the

item which is provided with an identification code and is displayed on the internet together with such relevant information as may pertain. In the system of this patent an intermediary (bailee) is created to whom the item is consigned. The purchaser, after purchase is effected, may leave the item with the bailee who may resell the item, may conduct an auction, etc.

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